

THE FUNDAMENTAL GROUP

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF ALGEBRA :-

Every polynomial equation with real or complex co-efficients has a root.

JORDAN CURVE THEOREM :-

Every simple closed curve C in the plane separates the plane into two components, of which C is the common boundary.

HOMOTOPY

If f and f' are continuous maps of the space X into the space Y , we say that f is homotopic to f' if there is a continuous map $H: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$H(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad H(x, 1) = f'(x), \quad \text{for each } x, \quad I = [0, 1].$$

The map H is called a homotopy between f and f' . — (1)

If f is homotopic to f' , we write $f \simeq f'$.

If $f \simeq f'$ and f' is a constant map, we say that f is nullhomotopic.

• We think of a homotopy as a continuous one-parameter family of maps from X to Y . If the parameter t representing the time, then the homotopy H represents a continuous "deforming" of the map f to the map f' , as t goes from 0 to 1.

• Let us focus on the particular case when $X = [a, b]$ then if $f: [a, b] \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous function then f is called a path in Y , $f(a)$ is said to be the initial point and $f(b)$ is said to be the final point.

Path homotopic

Let $f: I \rightarrow X$ and $f': I \rightarrow X$, where $I = [0, 1]$ be two paths in X ; are said to be path homotopic if they have the same initial point $f(0) = f'(0) = x_0$ and the same final point $f(1) = f'(1) = x_1$ and if there is a continuous map $H: I \times I \rightarrow X$

such that —

$$H(s, 0) = f(s) \quad \text{and} \quad H(s, 1) = f'(s)$$

$$H(0, t) = x_0 \quad \text{and} \quad H(1, t) = x_1$$

for each $s \in I$ and each $t \in I$. We call H a path homotopy between f and f' , written as $f \simeq_p f'$. — (11)

(ii) \Rightarrow The end points of the path remains fixed during the deformation.

Lemma
The relation \simeq and \simeq_p are equivalence relation

proof:-

i) Given f , it is trivial that $f \simeq f$, we show that $f' \simeq f$.
There map, $H(x,t) = f(x)$ is the required homotopy.
 ~~$H(x,t) = f(x)$~~ , $H(x,0) = f(x)$, $H(x,1) = f(x)$.

so, ~~f & f' is homotopic~~

So, f is homotopic to f' .

_____ reflexive
(reflective)

ii) Given $f \simeq f'$, we show that $f' \simeq f$. Let H be a homotopy between f & f' . Then $G(x,t) = H(x,1-t)$ is a homotopy between f' and f .

$$G(x,0) = H(x,1) = f'(x)$$

$$G(x,1) = H(x,0) = f(x)$$

Then $f' \simeq f$. _____ (symmetric)

iii) Suppose that $f \simeq f'$ and $f' \simeq f''$. we show that $f \simeq f''$.
Let H be a homotopy between f & f' and H' be a homotopy between f' & f'' . Define $G: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ be the eqn

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} H(x,2t) & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ H'(x,2t-1) & \text{for } t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} H(x, 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}) = f'(x) \\ H'(x, 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 1) = f'(x) \end{cases}$$

$G(x,t)$ well defined, since $t = \frac{1}{2}$, $H(x, 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}) = f'(x)$
 $H'(x, 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 1) = f'(x)$.

Because G is continuous on the two closed subsets $X \times [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and $X \times [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ of $X \times I$, it is continuous on all of $X \times I$ by pasting lemma.

$$G(x,0) = H(x,0) = f(x), \quad G(x,1) = H'(x,1) = f''(x)$$

Therefore $f \simeq f''$. _____ (transitive)

* Let f is a path, $t \in [0, 1]$, $f(0) = x_0$, $f(1) = x_1$.

$\Rightarrow H(x, t) = f(x)$.

$H(0, t) = f(0) = x_0$, $H(1, t) = f(1) = x_1$.

$f \simeq_p f$.

$\Rightarrow G(x, t) = H(x, 1-t)$.

$H(0, t) = x_0$
 $H(1, t) = x_1$

$G(0, t) = x_0$, $G(1, t) = x_1$ $f \simeq_p f' \Rightarrow f' \simeq_p f$.

$\Rightarrow G(x, t) = \begin{cases} H(x, 2t) & t \in [0, 1/2] \\ H'(x, 2t-1) & t \in [1/2, 1] \end{cases}$

$G(0, t) = \begin{cases} H(0, 2t) \\ H'(0, 2t-1) \end{cases} > x_0$

$f''(0) = f'(0) = f(0) = x_0$
 $f''(1) = f'(1) = f(1) = x_1$

$G(1, t) = \begin{cases} H(1, 2t) \\ H'(1, 2t-1) \end{cases} > x_1$

$f \simeq_p f'$, $f' \simeq_p f'' \Rightarrow f \simeq_p f''$.

Example

Let f and g be any two maps of a space X into \mathbb{R}^2 . It is easy to see that f and g are homotopic; the map

$F(x, t) = (1-t)f(x) + tg(x)$

is a homotopy between them. It is called a straight-line homotopy because it moves the point $f(x)$ to the point $g(x)$ along the st. line segment joining them.

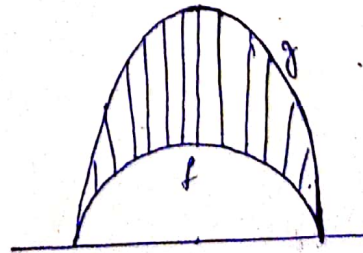
[• If f is a path, we shall denote its path homotopy equivalence class by $[f]$.]

• If f and g are from x_0 to x_1 , then F will be a path homotopy.

\Rightarrow Let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be paths with $f(0) = g(0)$ and $f(1) = g(1)$.

Define $H: I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $H(x, t) = (1-t)f(x) + tg(x)$.

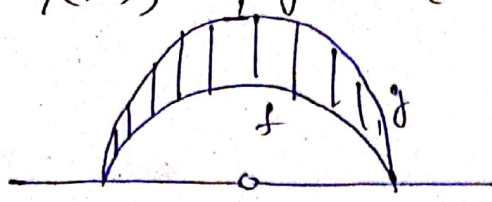
\Rightarrow Let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $f(t) = (\cos \pi t, \sin \pi t)$
 $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $g(t) = (\cos \pi t, 9 \sin \pi t)$.



$f(0) = (1, 0) = g(0)$
 $f(1) = (-1, 0) = g(1)$. f & g are path homotopy.

3. $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ $f(s) = (\cos \pi s, \sin \pi s)$

$g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ $g(t) = (\cos \pi t, 3 \sin \pi t)$



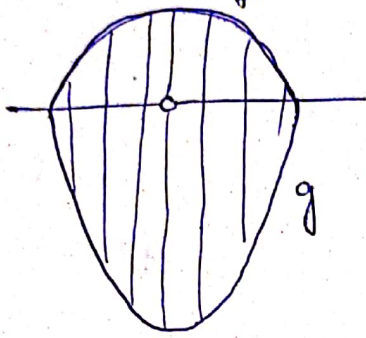
path homotopy.

4) $f(s) = (\cos \pi s, \sin \pi s)$

$g(t) = (\cos \pi t, -3 \sin \pi t)$

$f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$

$g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$



not path homotopy.

$f \not\sim_p g$

Path Product

If f is a path in X from x_0 to x_1 , $f: I \rightarrow X$ s.t. $f(0) = x_0, f(1) = x_1$ and $g: I \rightarrow X$ is a path in X (with $g(0) = x_1$ and $g(1) = x_2$) from x_1 to x_2 , we define the product $f * g$ of f & g to be the path h given by the eqn

$$h(s) = \begin{cases} f(2s) & \text{for } s \in [0, 1/2] \\ g(2s-1) & \text{for } s \in [1/2, 1] \end{cases}$$

The function h is well-defined and continuous, by pasting lemma; it is a path in X from x_0 to x_2 .

The product operation on paths induces a well-defined operation on path-homotopy classes, defined by the eqn

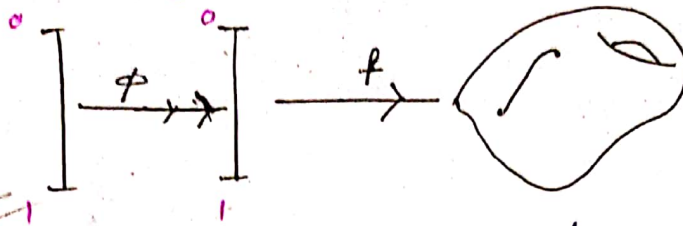
$[f] * [g] = [f * g]$

Show that $f \cdot g \approx_p f' \cdot g'$

Reparametrization

We define reparametrization of a path f to be a composition $f \circ \phi$, where $\phi: I \rightarrow I$ is a continuous map s.t. $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\phi(1) = 1$.

Reparametrizing a path preserves its homotopy class, i.e. $[f \circ \phi] = [f]$.



Let us consider the path homotopy

$f \circ \phi_t$ where $\phi_t(s) = (1-t)\phi(s) + t \cdot s$

$$\phi_0(s) = \phi(s) \Rightarrow f \circ \phi_0 = f \circ \phi$$

$$\phi_1(s) = s \Rightarrow f \circ \phi_1 = f$$

$$H(0, s) = f \circ \phi \quad H(s, 0) = f \circ \phi$$

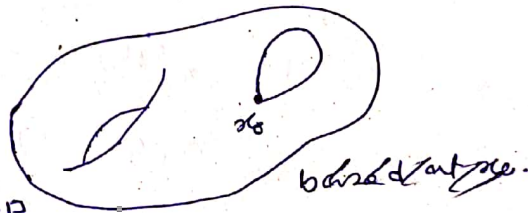
$$H(1, s) = f \quad H(s, 1) = f$$

$$\therefore [f \circ \phi] = [f]$$

Loop $f: I \xrightarrow{\text{Cont.}} X$

$$f(0) = f(1)$$

X be a space, $x_0 \in X$. A path f in X that begins & ends at x_0 is called loop



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Let $f: I \rightarrow X$ be a path s.t. $f(0) = f(1) = x_0$. Such a path is said to be a loop in X based at x_0 .

The set of path homotopy classes of loops based at x_0 , with the operation $*$, is called fundamental group of X relative to the base point x_0 .

The set $\{ [f] : f: I \xrightarrow{\text{Cont.}} X, f(0) = f(1) = x_0 \}$ is denoted as $\pi_1(X, x_0)$. In this set let us consider the product $[f] \cdot [g] = [f \cdot g]$, $g \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$. Then $(\pi_1(X, x_0), \cdot)$ is a group or, fundamental group of X .

Proof :-

Asso ciativity :-

$$\text{To show that } [f] ([g] \cdot [h]) = ([f] \cdot [g]) [h]$$

where $[f], [g], [h] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$.

$$[f] \cdot ([g] \cdot [h]) = ([f] \cdot [g]) \cdot [h]$$

$$\Rightarrow [f] \cdot [g \cdot h] = [f \cdot g] \cdot [h]$$

$$\Rightarrow [f \cdot (g \cdot h)] = [(f \cdot g) \cdot h]$$

i.e. we have to show that $f \cdot (g \cdot h) \approx (f \cdot g) \cdot h$.

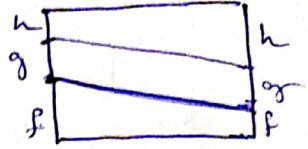
This will be done if we show that $f \cdot (g \cdot h)$ is a reparametrisation of $(f \cdot g) \cdot h$.

Let us define a function $\phi: I \rightarrow I$ s.t.

$$\phi(t) = t/2, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1/2$$

$$= t - 1/4, \quad 1/2 \leq t \leq 3/4$$

$$= 2t - 1, \quad 3/4 \leq t \leq 1$$



$$\text{Now, } \begin{aligned} (f \cdot (g \cdot h))(t) &= f(\phi(t)), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ &= (g \cdot h)(2t - 1), \quad 1/2 \leq t \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f \cdot (g \cdot h)(t) &= f(2t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ &= g(4t - 2), \quad 1/2 \leq t \leq 3/4 \\ &= h(4t - 3), \quad 3/4 \leq t \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Analogously, } \begin{aligned} ((f \cdot g) \cdot h)(s) &= (f \cdot g)(2s), \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1/2 \\ &= h(2s - 1), \quad 1/2 \leq s \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ((f \cdot g) \cdot h)(s) &= f(4s), \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1/4 \\ &= g(4s - 1), \quad 1/4 \leq s \leq 1/2 \\ &= h(2s - 1), \quad 1/2 \leq s \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } [f \cdot (g \cdot h)] \circ \phi \approx [f \cdot (g \cdot h)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } ((f \cdot g) \cdot h) \circ \phi &= f(2t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ &= g(4t - 2), \quad 1/2 \leq t \leq 3/4 \\ &= h(4t - 3), \quad 3/4 \leq t \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore ((f \cdot g) \cdot h) \circ \phi \approx (f \cdot (g \cdot h))$$

$$\text{Thus } [(f \cdot g) \cdot h] = [f \cdot (g \cdot h)]$$

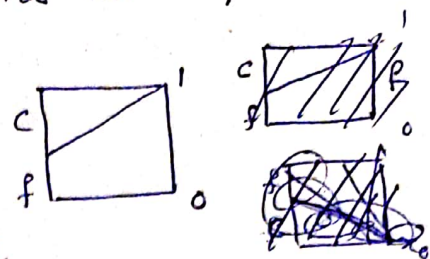
2. Identity:

Consider $c: I \rightarrow X$ with $c(s) = x_0, \forall s \in I$.

$f \circ c$ is a reparametrisation of f via the map

$\phi: I \rightarrow I$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= 2t, & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 1, & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$



Therefore, $(f \circ c)(t) = f(2t), 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$
 $= x_0, \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1.$

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ \phi)(t) &= f(2t), & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ &= f(1) = x_0, & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$(f \circ \phi)(t) = (f \circ c)(t) \implies f \simeq f \circ c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore [f] &= [f \circ c] = [f] \cdot [c] \\ \text{Similarly } [f] &= [c \cdot f] = [c] \cdot [f]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $[c] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ is the identity.

3. Inverse: Consider $[f] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ and $\bar{f}(s) = f(1-s)$.

We shall show that $f \cdot \bar{f} \simeq c \simeq \bar{f} \cdot f$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider, } H(s, t) &= f(2s), & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1-t}{2} \\ &= f(1-t), & \frac{1-t}{2} \leq s \leq \frac{1+t}{2} \\ &= \bar{f}(2-2s), & \frac{1+t}{2} \leq s \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (f \cdot \bar{f})(t) &= f(2t) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \bar{f}(2t-1) = \bar{f}(2(1-t)-1) = \bar{f}(1-2t+1) = \bar{f}(2-2t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(s, 0) &= f(2s) & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \bar{f}(2-2s), & \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$H(s, 1) = f(0) = x_0 = c(t).$$

H is a homotopy between $f \cdot \bar{f} \simeq c$.
 i.e. $[f][\bar{f}] = [c \cdot \bar{f}] = [c]$.

Therefore, $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ is a group and it is called the fundamental group of X at x_0 .

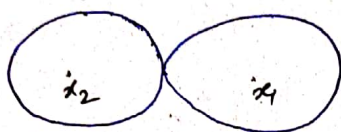
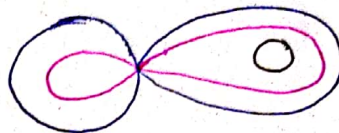
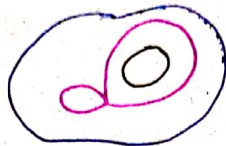
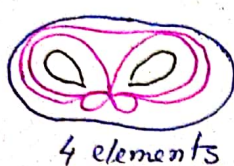
Ex $X = \mathbb{R}^n$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

\cong str. line homotopy, $H(x, t) = (1-t)x_0 + tx_0 = c(t)$

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n, x_0) = \{[c]\}.$$

\cong let X be a convex subset of \mathbb{R}^n

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n, x_0) = \{[c]\}.$$



$$\pi_1(X, x_1) \cong \pi_1(X, x_2)$$

Contain same no. of element.

Proposition

If x_0, x_1 are in the same path component of X , then $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ and $\pi_1(X, x_1)$ are isomorphic.

proof :-

Let $x_0, x_1 \in X$. Since x_0, x_1 are in the same path component, there is a path connecting x_0 and x_1 . Let $h: I \rightarrow X$ be a path with $h(0) = x_0$ and $h(1) = x_1$. Let $\bar{h}: I \rightarrow X$ be given by

$$\bar{h}(s) = h(1-s), \quad s \in I = [0, 1].$$

Define $\hat{h}: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_1)$ by

$$\hat{h}([f]) = [h \cdot f \cdot \bar{h}].$$

i) \hat{h} is well defined : If $[f] = [g] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$.

and f_t be a homotopy between f & g then $h \cdot f_t \cdot \bar{h}$ is a homotopy between $h \cdot f \cdot \bar{h}$ and $h \cdot g \cdot \bar{h}$, i.e. $[h \cdot f \cdot \bar{h}] = [h \cdot g \cdot \bar{h}]$.

ii) \hat{h} is a homomorphism : -

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{h}([f] \cdot [g]) &= [h \cdot f \cdot g \cdot \bar{h}] \\ &= [h \cdot f \cdot \bar{h} \cdot h \cdot g \cdot \bar{h}] \\ &= [h \cdot f \cdot \bar{h}] [h \cdot g \cdot \bar{h}] \\ &= \hat{h}([f]) \hat{h}([g]). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) \hat{h} is bijective :-

$$\text{Let } \hat{h}([f]) = \hat{h}([g])$$

$$\Rightarrow [h \cdot f \cdot \bar{h}] = [h \cdot g \cdot \bar{h}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [h] \cdot [f] \cdot [\bar{h}] = [\bar{h}] \cdot [g] \cdot [h]$$

$$\Rightarrow [f] = [g] \longrightarrow \hat{h} \text{ is one to one.}$$

Now, let, $[\sigma] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$.

$$[\bar{h}, \sigma, h] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{h}([\bar{h} \cdot \sigma \cdot h]) = [h\bar{h} \cdot \sigma \cdot h\bar{h}] = [\sigma].$$

$$\text{If } [f] = [\bar{h} \cdot \sigma \cdot h].$$

$$\text{then } \hat{h}([f]) = \sigma.$$

So, \hat{h} is surjective.

So, \hat{h} is an isomorphism between $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ and $\pi_1(X, x_1)$.

Definition

X is said to be simply ~~connected~~ connected if it is path connected and $\pi_1(X)$ is trivial.

Proposition

X is simply connected iff there is a unique homotopy class of paths connecting any two points in space.

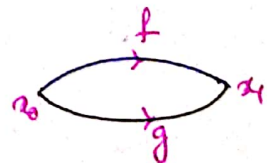
In a simply connected space X , any two paths having the same initial and final points are path homotopy.

Proof:-

Let f and g be two paths from x_0 to x_1 . Then $f \circ \bar{g}$ is defined and is a loop on X based at x_0 .

Since X is simply connected,

$$f \circ \bar{g} \sim_p e_{x_0}.$$



Applying the groupoid properties,

$$[(f \circ g) \circ g] = [e_{x_0} \circ g] = [g]$$

$$[(f \circ g) \circ g] = [f \circ (g \circ g)] = [f \circ e_{x_0}] = [f].$$

Then $[f] = [g]$.

So, f & g are path homotopy.

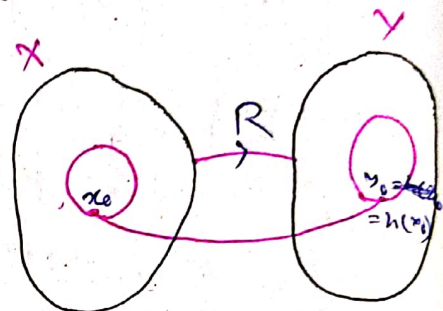
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Let X, Y be topological spaces, $x_0 \in X, y_0 \in Y$ and $h: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous with $h(x_0) = y_0$.

We shall denote this by

$$h: (X, x_0) \longrightarrow (Y, y_0).$$

If $f: I \rightarrow X$ is a loop in X based at x_0 , then $h \circ f$ is a loop in Y based at y_0 .



$$f(0) = x_0 = f(1) \\ \text{base at } x_0.$$

$$h \circ f(0) = y_0 \\ h \circ f(1) = y_0.$$

Definition

Let $h: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$ be continuous. Define $h_*: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$ by $h_*([f]) = [h \circ f]$.

Show that $h_*([f]) = [h \circ f]$ is a homomorphism.

i) well defined.

$$[f] = [g] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow [h \circ f] = [h \circ g]$$

$$\text{ii) } h_*([f] \cdot [g]) = h_*([f \cdot g])$$

$$= [h \circ (f \cdot g)]$$

$$[h \circ f] \cdot [h \circ g] = [(h \circ f) \cdot (h \circ g)]$$

$$= h \circ (f \cdot g)$$

This is called the induced 'homomorphism' by h relative to x_0 .

* Two space are homeomorphism
 = their fundamental groups are isomorphic.

Proposition

1. If $h: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$, $g: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (Z, z_0)$ be continuous, then $(g \circ h)_* = g_* \circ h_*$

2. If $I_x: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ then $(I_x)_* = I_{\pi_1}(X, x_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(I_x)([f]) &= [I_x \circ f] \\ &= [f] \\ &= I_{\pi_1}(X, x_0)([f]) \end{aligned}$$

$$(I_x)_* \cong I_{\pi_1}(X, x_0)$$

$$* h_*: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$$

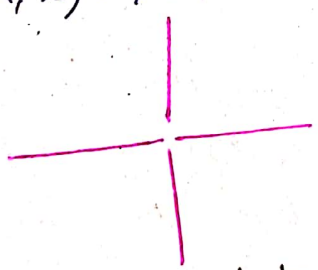
$$* g_*: \pi_1(Y, y_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Z, z_0)$$

~~homeomorphism~~

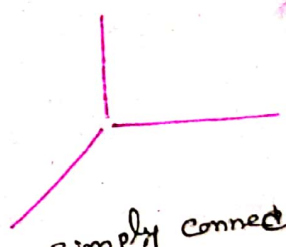
Proposition

If $h: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$ is a homeomorphism then $h_*: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$ is a group isomorphism

not connected



connected but not simply connected



simply connected.

Categories and functors

A category \mathcal{D} consists of

1. a collection of objects $Ob(\mathcal{D})$
2. sets of morphisms $Mor(x, y)$ for each $x, y \in Ob(\mathcal{D})$ with a distinguished identity morphism $I_x \in Mor(x, x)$
3. a composition of morphisms $\circ : Mor(x, y) \times Mor(y, z) \rightarrow Mor(x, z)$ for each $x, y, z \in Ob(\mathcal{D})$ with the properties,
 $f \circ I = I \circ f = f$ and $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$.

Ex

1. $Ob(\mathcal{D}) = \{G : G \text{ is a group}\}$

$$Mor(G, H) = \{f : G \rightarrow H \mid f \text{ is a group homomorphism}\}$$

2. $Ob(\mathcal{D}) = \{(X, x_0) \mid X \text{ is a topological space, } x_0 \text{ is a base point}\}$

$$Mor((X, x_0), (Y, y_0)) = \{f : X \rightarrow Y \text{ with } f(x_0) = y_0, \text{ where } f \text{ is continuous}\}.$$

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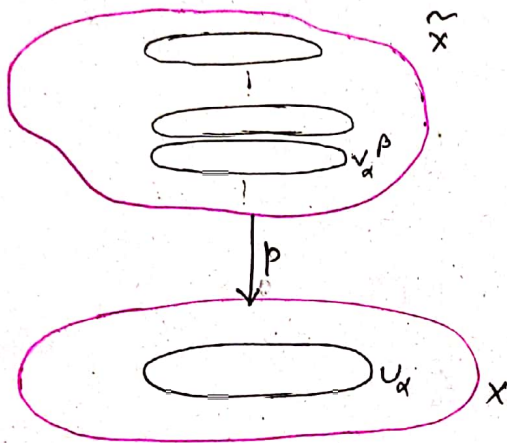
A covariant functor F from a category \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} assigns to each $x \in Ob(\mathcal{C})$ and $F(x) \in Ob(\mathcal{D})$ and to each morphism $f \in Mor(x, y)$ a $F(f)$ such that
 $F(I_x) = I_{F(x)}$ and $F(f \circ g) = F(f) \circ F(g)$.

Ex

π_1 is a covariant functor from category of pointed topological spaces to the category of groups.

Covering Space

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a continuous and surjective map. If there exists an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ of X such that for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, there exists $p^{-1}(U_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\beta \in \Gamma_\alpha} V_\alpha^\beta$, where $V_\alpha^\beta \cap V_\alpha^{\beta'} = \emptyset$ for any $\beta, \beta' \in \Gamma_\alpha$ with $\beta \neq \beta'$ and $p|_{V_\alpha^\beta}: V_\alpha^\beta \rightarrow U_\alpha$ is a homeomorphism for each $\beta \in \Gamma_\alpha$ where V_α^β is open in \tilde{X} .



Then p is said to be covering map and \tilde{X} is said to be a covering space of X .

Ex 1. $S^1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$.

Let $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ be given by

$$p(t) = (\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t).$$

$$U_1 = \{(x, y) \in S^1 : x > -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\}$$

$$U_2 = \{(x, y) \in S^1 : x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{-1}(U_1) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V_{10}^n \text{ where}$$

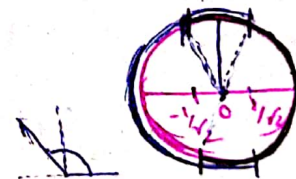
$$\text{where, } V_{10}^n = (n - \frac{3}{8}, n + \frac{3}{8})$$

$p: V_{10}^n \rightarrow U_1$ is a homeomorphism, $V_{10}^n \cap V_{10}^{n'} = \emptyset$.

$$\text{Similarly, } p^{-1}(U_2) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V_2^n$$

$$\text{where, } V_2^n = (n - \frac{1}{8}, n + \frac{1}{8})$$

$p: V_2^n \rightarrow U_2$ is a homeomorphism, $V_2^n \cap V_2^{n'} = \emptyset$.



$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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THEOREM

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a covering map and $X_0 \subseteq X$. Let $\tilde{X}_0 = p^{-1}(X_0)$, then $p_0: \tilde{X}_0 \rightarrow X_0$ obtained by restricting p on \tilde{X}_0 is a covering map.

Proof:-

Obviously, p_0 is a continuous map, (restricting the domain or range of a continuous function gives a continuous function). Also, p_0 is surjective. Now let us consider an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ of X with the properties in the definition of a covering map. Then for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, $p^{-1}(U_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\beta \in I_\alpha} V_\alpha^\beta$, with $V_\alpha^\beta \cap V_\alpha^{\beta'} = \emptyset$, $\beta \neq \beta'$.

Let $x_0 \in X$. Then $\exists \alpha \in \Lambda$ with $x_0 \in U_\alpha$. Now $U_\alpha \cap X_0$ is open set in X_0 and now,

$$\begin{aligned} p^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap X_0) &= p^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cap p^{-1}(X_0) \\ &= \left(\bigcup_{\beta \in I_\alpha} V_\alpha^\beta \right) \cap \tilde{X}_0 \\ &= \bigcup_{\beta \in I_\alpha} (V_\alpha^\beta \cap \tilde{X}_0) \end{aligned}$$

Now, since V_α^β is open in \tilde{X} , then $V_\alpha^\beta \cap \tilde{X}_0$ is open in \tilde{X}_0 . Also $(V_\alpha^\beta \cap \tilde{X}_0) \cap (V_\alpha^{\beta'} \cap \tilde{X}_0) = (V_\alpha^\beta \cap V_\alpha^{\beta'}) \cap \tilde{X}_0 = \emptyset \cap \tilde{X}_0 = \emptyset, \beta \neq \beta'$.

As, $p: V_\alpha^\beta \rightarrow U_\alpha$ is a homeomorphism, then $p_0: V_\alpha^\beta \cap \tilde{X}_0 \rightarrow U_\alpha \cap X_0$ is a homeomorphism.

And since $\{U_\alpha \cap X_0\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ is an open cover of X_0 we conclude that

$p_0: \tilde{X}_0 \rightarrow X_0$ is a covering map.

THEOREM

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$, $p': \tilde{X}' \rightarrow X'$ be covering maps. Then $p \times p': \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X}' \rightarrow X \times X'$ is a covering map.

Proof:

$p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is surjective and $p': \tilde{X}' \rightarrow X'$ is surjective.

$\therefore p \times p': \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X}' \rightarrow X \times X'$ defined,

$$(p \times p')(x, x') = (x, x'), \text{ where } x \in X, x' \in X'$$

Since, p & p' are surjective, $\exists \tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}, \tilde{x}' \in \tilde{X}'$ s.t.

$$p(\tilde{x}) = x \text{ and } p'(\tilde{x}') = x'$$

Now, $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}') \in \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X}'$ and $(p \times p')(\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}') = (x, x') \in X \times X'$

$\therefore p \times p'$ is surjective

So, clearly, the map $p \times p'$ is continuous (Component wise) and also surjective.

Now, $(x, x') \in X \times X'$. Then $x \in X$ and $x' \in X'$. Then there exists $U \in \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ with $x \in U$ and $U' \in \{U'_\mu\}_{\mu \in \mathcal{A}'}$ with $x' \in U'$.

Hence $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ and $\{U'_\mu\}_{\mu \in \mathcal{A}'}$ are open covers of X and X' respectively satisfying covering map conditions.

Now, $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}} V^\beta$, where each V^β is open with $V^\beta \cap V^{\beta'} = \emptyset$, if $\beta \neq \beta' \in \mathcal{B}$. and $p: V^\beta \rightarrow U$ is a homeomorphism for each $\beta \in \mathcal{B}$.

Also, $p'^{-1}(U') = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \mathcal{B}' } V'^\gamma$, where each V'^γ is open with $V'^\gamma \cap V'^{\gamma'} = \emptyset$, if $\gamma \neq \gamma' \in \mathcal{B}'$ and $p': V'^\gamma \rightarrow U'$ is a homeomorphism for each $\gamma \in \mathcal{B}'$.

Now, $(x, x') \in U \times U'$ and $U \times U'$ is open in $X \times X'$.

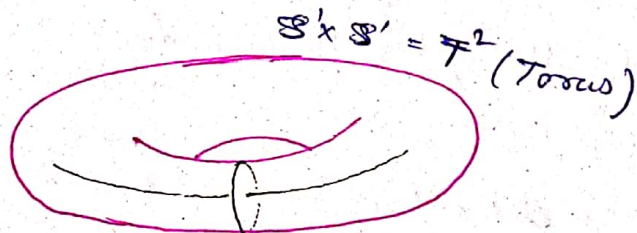
$(p \times p')^{-1}(U \times U') = \bigcup_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}} \bigcup_{\gamma \in \mathcal{B}' } (V^\beta \times V'^\gamma)$ where $V^\beta \times V'^\gamma$ is open in $\tilde{X} \times \tilde{X}'$. Also, $V^\beta \times V'^\gamma$ is a disjoint-family.

Now, it is easy to see that $p \times p': V^\beta \times V'^\gamma \rightarrow U \times U'$ is a homeomorphism as $p: V^\beta \rightarrow U$ and $p': V'^\gamma \rightarrow U'$ are

homeomorphism. $\{U_\alpha \times U_{\mu'}\}_{\substack{\alpha \in A \\ \mu' \in A'}}$ is an open cover of $X \times X'$. We conclude that $p \times p' : \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X}' \rightarrow X \times X'$ is a covering map.

Ex $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ given by $p(t) = (\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t)$ is a covering map.

$\therefore p \times p' : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1$ is a covering map, defined by $(p \times p')(t, s) = ((\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t), (\cos 2\pi s, \sin 2\pi s))$.



Path Lifting

Definition

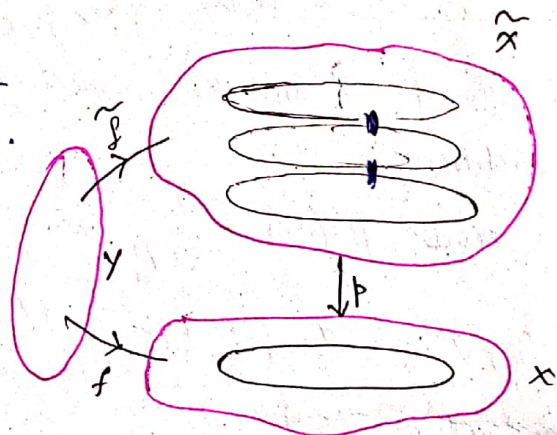
Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a map. Let $f: Y \rightarrow X$ be a continuous map.

A lifting of f is a map $\tilde{f}: Y \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ s.t. $p \circ \tilde{f} = f$.

$(p \circ \tilde{f})(y) = f(y)$

If f is path, then it is called path lifting.

If \tilde{f} is continuous, then $\tilde{f}(Y)$ is a connected slice.
If f is discontinuous, then disjoint slice.



Ex

$$p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$$

$$s \mapsto (\cos 2\pi s, \sin 2\pi s)$$

$$f: I \rightarrow S^1$$

$$s \mapsto (\cos \pi s, \sin \pi s)$$

$$\tilde{f}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\tilde{f}(s) = s/2$$

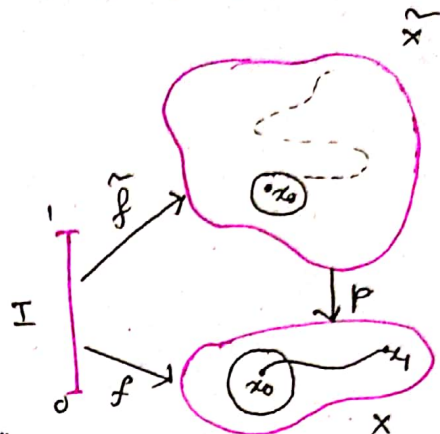
Path Lifting Property

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a covering map with $p(\tilde{x}_0) = x_0$.
 If $f: I \rightarrow X$ is a path with $f(0) = x_0$, then there exists a lifting of f to a path $\tilde{f}: I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ with $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$.

~~Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$.~~

Let us consider an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ of X (as in the defⁿ of ~~cover~~ covering map).

Let $t \in (0, 1)$ and $f(t) \in X$.
 Then $f(t) \in U_\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in \Lambda$. As $f: I \rightarrow X$ is continuous, there exists $(a_t, b_t) \subseteq (0, 1)$ with $t \in (a_t, b_t)$ s.t. $f[(a_t, b_t)] \subseteq U_\alpha$.
 Analogously, for $t=0$, there exists $[0, b_0) \subseteq [0, 1)$ s.t. $f([0, b_0)) \subseteq U_\alpha$, and if $t=1$, there exist $(a_0, 1] \subseteq (0, 1]$ s.t. $f((a_0, 1]) \subseteq U_\alpha$.



Since I is compact and $\{(a_t, b_t) : t \in (0, 1)\} \cup \{[0, b_0), (a_0, 1]\}$ is an open cover of I . We can choose a finite subcover, say $\{[0, b_0), (a_0, 1], (a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)\}$

Let us consider $\{(a_i, b_i)\}_{i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}}$
 Let (possibly) us rename the elements as follows:

$0 < t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{2m+2} < 1$. This gives a subdivision $0 = s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_m \neq 1$ of I the property that $\forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$, $f([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \subseteq U_\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in \Lambda$

Now, let us define $\tilde{f}: I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ followingly $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$. Suppose that \tilde{f} is defined on $[0, s_i]$. Then define \tilde{f} in $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$ in such a way that $f([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \subseteq U_\alpha$ for some $U \in \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$

Let $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{\beta \in \Pi} V_\beta$. Now $(p \circ \tilde{f})(s_i) = f(s_i) \in U$.

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}(s_i) \in p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{\beta \in \Pi} V_\beta$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}(s_i) \in V$ for some $V \in \{V_\beta\}_{\beta \in \mathcal{A}}$

Define $\tilde{f}(s) = p^{-1}|_V(f(s)) : s \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]$.

f is continuous on $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$, since $p|_V$ is a homeomorphism. $\tilde{f} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \tilde{X}$, defined above is a continuous map with $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$.

Now, we show that lifting is unique.

Suppose that there is another lifting $\tilde{f} : I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ with $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$.

Then $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{f}(0) = x_0$.

Suppose that $\tilde{f}(s) = \tilde{f}(s)$ in $[0, s_i]$.

$$\therefore p \circ \tilde{f}([s_i, s_{i+1}]) = p \circ \tilde{f}([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \in U_\alpha.$$

for some $\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \tilde{f}([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \subseteq p^{-1}(U_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\beta \in \mathcal{A}} V_\beta$

Since $\tilde{f}([s_i, s_{i+1}])$ is connected and $\tilde{f}(s_i) = \tilde{f}(s_i) \in V$

we have $\tilde{f}([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \subseteq V$.

so, for $s \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]$, $p \circ \tilde{f}(s) = f(s)$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}(s) \in p^{-1}f(s).$$

Also, $\tilde{f}(s_i) \in V$, so we must have $\tilde{f}(s) = p^{-1}|_V(f(s)) = \tilde{f}(s)$.

Thus $\tilde{f}(s) = \tilde{f}(s)$, $\forall s \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]$

Hence proved.

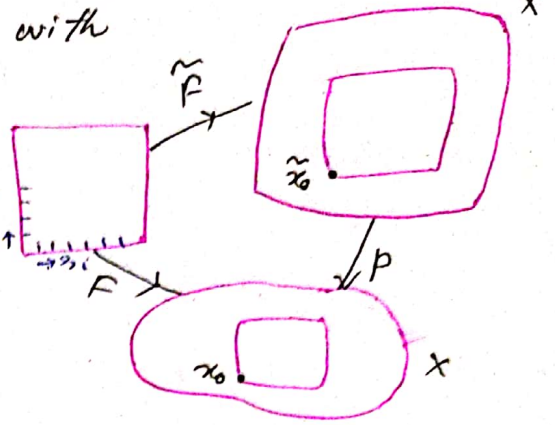
Homotopy Lifting

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a covering map with $p(\tilde{x}_0) = x_0$.

Let $F: I \times I \rightarrow X$ be continuous with $F(0,0) = x_0$. There exists lifting

of F to a continuous map $\tilde{F}: I \times I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ with $\tilde{F}(0,0) = \tilde{x}_0$.

If F is a path homotopy, then \tilde{F} is also a path homotopy.



Proof:-

Define $\tilde{F}(0,0) = \tilde{x}_0$

Extend \tilde{F} to $I \times \{0\}$ and $\{0\} \times I$ using the technique of the last result. Let us extend \tilde{F} to $I \times I$ as follows:
 let us choose a subdivision $s_0 < s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_m$,
 to $t_1 < \dots < t_n$ of I with the property that for each
 rectangle $I_i \times J_j = [s_{i-1}, s_i] \times [t_{j-1}, t_j]$, $F(I_i \times J_j) \subseteq U_\alpha$
 for some $\alpha \in A$

Define \tilde{F} first in $I_1 \times J_1$, then $I_2 \times J_1, \dots, I_m \times J_1$,
 then $I_1 \times J_2, I_2 \times J_2, \dots$, and so on.

Now consider $I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0}$ and suppose that \tilde{F} is defined
 on the union A of rectangles $I_i \times J_j$ with $j < j_0$ or
 $j = j_0$ and $i < i_0$.

Consider $C = A \cap (I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0})$, choose $U \in \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ with
 $F(I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0}) \subseteq U$.

Let $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{\beta \in A} V_\beta$. F is defined in C and C is
 connected, i.e. \exists a V_0 s.t. $\tilde{F}(C) \subseteq V_0$.

If $p_0 = p|_{V_0}: V_0 \rightarrow U$, then $(p_0 \circ \tilde{F})(x) = p_0(\tilde{F}(x)) = F(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{F}(x) = p_0^{-1}(F(x))$$

Define $\tilde{F}(x) = p_0^{-1}(F(x))$, $\forall x \in I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0}$

Then \tilde{F} is continuous according to the pasting lemma. This
 is in fact an unique way of defining \tilde{F}

Now, if F is a path homotopy, then $p(\{0\} \times I) = x_0$.
 Also, $\tilde{F}(\{0\} \times I) \subseteq p^{-1}(\{x_0\})$.

Now, $p^{-1}(\{x_0\})$ has the discrete topology as a subspace of \tilde{X} . And also $\tilde{F}(\{0\} \times I)$ is connected. Thus $\tilde{F}(\{0\} \times I) = \{\tilde{x}_0\}$.

Similarly $\tilde{F}(\{1\} \times I)$ is a single tone set.

Thus \tilde{F} is a path homotopy.

Homotopy Lifting Property

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a covering map with $p(\tilde{x}_0) = x_0$.
 Consider the paths f, g in X from x_0 to x_1 . Let \tilde{f}, \tilde{g} be the liftings of f, g respectively in \tilde{X} with $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{g}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$.
 If $f \simeq g$, then $\tilde{f} \simeq \tilde{g}$.

Proof:-

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a covering map with $p(\tilde{x}_0) = x_0$.

Let us consider F , the path homotopy between f & g . Then $F(0,0) = x_0$. Let $\tilde{F}: I \times I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ be the lifting of F in \tilde{X} with $\tilde{F}(0,0) = \tilde{x}_0$.

Then $\tilde{F}(\{0\} \times I) = \{\tilde{x}_0\}$ and $\tilde{F}(\{1\} \times I) = \{\tilde{x}_1\}$.

Then $\tilde{F}(I \times \{0\})$ is a path in \tilde{X} starting at \tilde{x}_0 i.e. a lifting of $F(I \times \{0\})$, i.e. $\tilde{F}(I \times \{0\}) = \tilde{f}$ (from uniqueness of path lifting).

Similarly, $\tilde{F}(I \times \{1\}) = \tilde{g}$. So, $\tilde{F}(1) = \tilde{g}(1) = \{\tilde{x}_1\}$.

and hence $\tilde{F}: I \times I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ is a path homotopy from \tilde{f} to \tilde{g} .

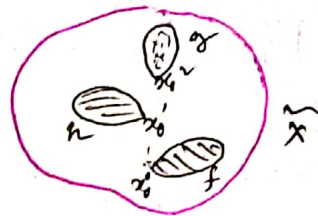
Definition

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a covering map with $p(\tilde{x}_0) = x_0$.
 Given a loop f in X based at x_0 , let \tilde{f} be the lifting of f in \tilde{X} with $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$.

Define,

$$\phi: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow p^{-1}(\{x_0\})$$

$$\phi: ([f]) = \tilde{f}(1).$$



ϕ is called the lifting correspondence
derive from the map p :



* Lifting correspondence ϕ is well defined:

proof:- Let $[f] = [f']$. Then the paths f and f' are homotopic. We can lift this homotopy between \tilde{f} and \tilde{f}' . This ~~is~~ implies $\tilde{f}(1) = \tilde{f}'(1)$.

THEOREM

If $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a covering map with $p(\tilde{x}_0) = x_0$. If \tilde{X} is a path connected, then ϕ is surjective and if \tilde{X} is simply connected, then ϕ is bijective.

proof:-

Let $\tilde{x}_1 \in p^{-1}(\{x_0\})$. Since \tilde{X} is path connected, there is a path $\tilde{f}: I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ with $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$ and $\tilde{f}(1) = \tilde{x}_1$. Then $f = p \circ \tilde{f}$ is a loop in X based at x_0 because $f(0) = p(\tilde{x}_0) = x_0$ and $f(1) = p(\tilde{x}_1) = x_0$. Then $\phi([f]) = \tilde{f}(1) = \tilde{x}_1$.

Let us now suppose that \tilde{X} is simply connected. Since \tilde{X} is simply connected it is path connected, so ϕ is already surjective. Therefore we need only check that ϕ is injective. Let us consider $[f], [g] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ with

$$\phi([f]) = \phi([g]).$$

Then $\tilde{f}(1) = \tilde{g}(1)$, where \tilde{f}, \tilde{g} are lifting of f, g respectively with $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{g}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$. Since \tilde{X} is simply connected then we have $[\tilde{f}] = [\tilde{g}]$, i.e. there is a path homotopy \tilde{F} between \tilde{f} & \tilde{g} . Then $F = p \circ \tilde{F}$ is a path homotopy between f & g . This implies $[f] = [g]$.

Hence ϕ is injective. And as a result ϕ is bijective.

THE FUNDAMENTAL GROUP OF CIRCLE

THEOREM

$$\pi_1(S^1) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +).$$

proof-1-

S^1 is path connected. Let $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ be given by $p(t) = (\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t)$. Denote $p(0) = (1, 0) = x_0$.

Then $p^{-1}(\{x_0\}) = \mathbb{Z}$. Now define $\phi: \pi_1(S^1, (1, 0)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{by } \phi([f]) = \tilde{f}(1)$$

Since \mathbb{R} is simply connected, ϕ is bijective. Let us now prove that ϕ is a homomorphism. Now,

$$\phi([f] \cdot [g]) = \phi([f \cdot g]) = \widetilde{f \cdot g}(1).$$

$$\text{we need to show that } \widetilde{f \cdot g}(1) = \tilde{f}(1) + \tilde{g}(1).$$

Now, \tilde{f} is the lift of f with $\tilde{f}(0) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and \tilde{g} is the lift of g with $\tilde{g}(0) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\widetilde{f \cdot g}$ is the lift of $f \cdot g$ with $\widetilde{f \cdot g}(0) = 0$.

Let $\tilde{g}': I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a path such that

$$\tilde{g}'(s) = \tilde{g}(s) + \tilde{f}(1).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (p \circ \tilde{g}') (s) &= p(\tilde{g}'(s)) \\ &= p(\tilde{g}(s) + \tilde{f}(1)) \\ &= p(\tilde{g}(s)) = (p \circ \tilde{g})(s) = g(s). \end{aligned}$$

This implies, \tilde{g}' is a lift of g with $\tilde{g}'(0) = \tilde{f}(1)$.

Further more, $(p(\tilde{f} \cdot \tilde{g}'))(s) = (f \cdot g)(s)$. Thus implies $\tilde{f} \cdot \tilde{g}'$ is a lift of $f \cdot g$ with $(\tilde{f} \cdot \tilde{g}')(0) = 0$.

$$\text{Hence } (\tilde{f} \cdot \tilde{g}') (1) = 0 + \tilde{f}(1) + \tilde{g}(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\tilde{f} \cdot \tilde{g})(1) = \tilde{f}(1) + \tilde{g}(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \phi([f] \cdot [g]) &= \phi([f \cdot g]) = \widetilde{f \cdot g}(1) \\ &= \tilde{f}(1) + \tilde{g}(1) = \phi([f]) + \phi([g]) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \phi$ is homomorphism and also bijective. Then ϕ is isomorphism
 $\phi(S')$ is isomorphic with S' .

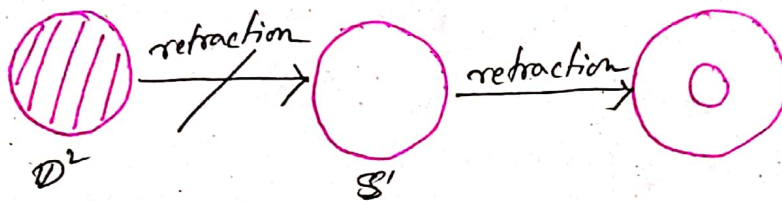
Retraction

A retraction of a space X onto $A \subseteq X$ is a continuous map $r: X \rightarrow A$ s.t. $r(a) = a, \forall a \in A$.

If such a map exist A is called a retract of X .

$$D^2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}, \quad S^1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$$

no retraction



Proposition

There is no retraction of D^2 onto S^1 .

proof:-

Suppose that S^1 is a retract of D^2 . Let $i: S^1 \rightarrow D^2$ be the inclusion. Then $i_*: \pi_1(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_1(D^2)$ would be injective. But $\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ and $\pi_1(D^2)$ is trivial as D^2 is a convex subset of \mathbb{R}^2 . This is a contradiction. And ~~there~~ there is no retraction of D^2 onto S^1 .

Lemma

Let $h: S^1 \rightarrow X$ be a continuous map. Then the following are equivalent:

1. h is null homotopy
2. There exist a continuous map $\bar{h}: D^2 \rightarrow X$ with $\bar{h}|_{S^1} = h$.
3. h_* is trivial homomorphism of fundamental groups.

The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

A polynomial equation

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$$

of degree $n > 0$ with real or complex co-efficients has at least one (real or complex) root.

Proof: -

Step I: Let $a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \in \mathbb{C}[x]$, $n > 0$. Let us assume that $a_n = 1$. $\left[a_n \left(x^n + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} x^{n-1} + \dots + \frac{a_1}{a_n} x + \frac{a_0}{a_n} \right); a_n \neq 0 \right]$ (we can do this without loss of generality).

Indeed let us choose $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and set $x = cy$. This gives

$$c^n y^n + \dots + a_1 cy + a_0 = c^n \left(y^n + \frac{a_{n-1}}{c} y^{n-1} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{c^n} \right)$$

let us choose c sufficiently large so that

$$\left| \frac{a_{n-1}}{c} \right| + \dots + \left| \frac{a_0}{c^n} \right| < 1$$

Now, if y_0 is a root of $y^n + \frac{a_{n-1}}{c} y^{n-1} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{c^n}$, then cy_0 is a root of $x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$.

Step II:

Let us consider the map $f: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ given by $f(x) = z^n$, where z is a complex number. We show that the induced homomorphism f_* of fundamental group is injective.

Let $p_0: I \rightarrow S^1$ be the standard loop in S^1 ,

$$p_0(s) = e^{2\pi i s} = (\cos 2\pi s, \sin 2\pi s).$$

Its image under f_* is the loop, $f_*([p_0]) = [f \circ p_0]$, where

$$f \circ p_0(s) = (e^{2\pi i s})^n = (\cos 2\pi n s, \sin 2\pi n s).$$

This loop lifts $s \mapsto ns$ in the covering space \mathbb{R} . Therefore the loop $f \circ p_0$ corresponds to the integer n under the standard isomorphism of $\pi_1(S^1, b_0)$ with the integers, whereas p_0 corresponds to the number 1. Thus f_* is "multiplication by n " in the fundamental group of S^1 , so that in particular, f_* is injective.

Step III a

We show that if $g: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$ is the map $g(z) = z^n$, then g is not null homotopic.

The map g equals the map f of step II followed by the inclusion map $j: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$. Now, f_* is injective. And j_* is injective because S^1 is a retract of $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$. Therefore, $g_* = j_* \circ f_*$ is injective. Thus g cannot be null homotopic. (a)

Step IV

Suppose that our polynomial has not a root on \mathbb{D}^2 . Now, we consider $\bar{h}: \mathbb{D}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$ defined by

$$\bar{h}(z) = z^n + a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0.$$

Now, $\bar{h}|_{S^1}$ is null homotopic, as $\bar{h}|_{S^1}$ extends to a map \bar{h} of the unit ball into $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$, the map $\bar{h}|_{S^1}$ is null-ho. (b)

Furthermore, we define a homotopy, $F: S^1 \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$ where $F(z,t) = z^n + t(a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0)$ is a homotopy between $\bar{h}|_{S^1}$ and g . (c)

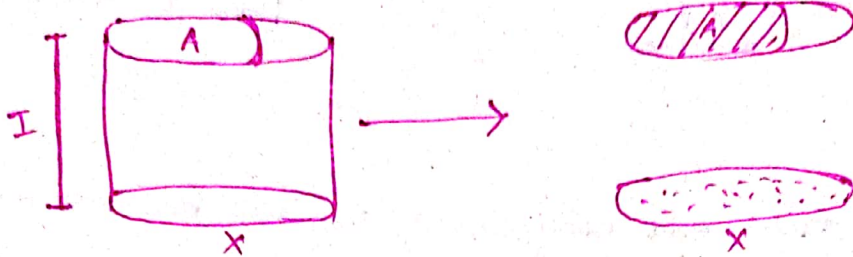
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } |F(z,t)| &= |z^n + t(a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0)| \\ &\geq |z|^n - |t| |a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0| \\ &\geq |z|^n - |t| \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then (a), (b), (c) are contradictory. So, our polynomial has a root in \mathbb{D}^2 . Hence the theorem.

Deformation Retract and Homotopy Type

Definition

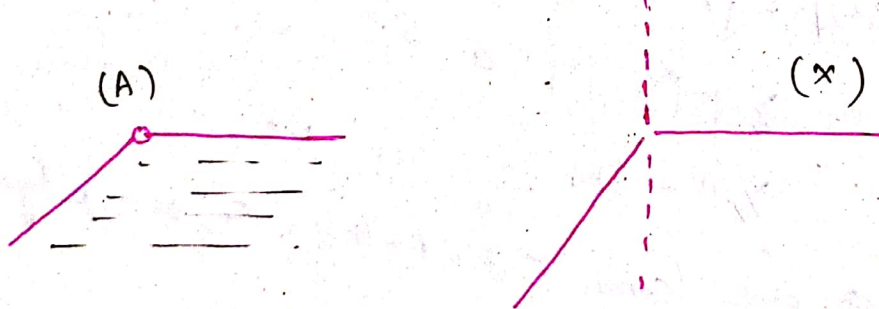
Let $A \subseteq X$. A is said to be a deformation retract of X if there is a continuous map $H: X \times I \rightarrow X$ with $H(x, 0) = x, \forall x \in X$ and $H(x, 1) \in A, \forall x \in X, H(a, t) = a, \forall a \in A$.



The Homotopy H is called the deformation retraction of X onto A .

Remark

- $\gamma: X \rightarrow A$ s.t. $\gamma(x) = H(x, 1)$ is a retraction of X onto A .
- H is a homotopy between I_x and I_{γ} where I is the inclusion map $I: A \hookrightarrow X$.
- $A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x, y) \neq (0, 0), z = 0\}$
 $X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$
 A is deformation retract of X .



Define $H: X \times I \rightarrow X$ by

$$H(x, y, z, t) = H(x, y, z, t) = (x, y, (1-t)z).$$

1) H is continuous

2) $H(x, y, z, 0) = (x, y, z) \in X, \forall (x, y, z) \in X$

3) $H(x, y, z, 1) = (x, y, 0) \in A, \forall (x, y, z) \in X$.

THEOREM

Let A be a deformation retract of X , $x_0 \in A$. Let \mathcal{S}
 $\mathcal{S}: (A, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ be the inclusion map. Then $\mathcal{S}_*: \pi_1(A, x_0) \rightarrow$
 $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ is an isomorphism.

proof:-

Let $r: (X, x_0) \rightarrow A$, where $r(x) = H(x, 1)$
be the retraction of (X, x_0) onto (A, x_0) . Then $r \circ \mathcal{S} = \text{id}_A$
 $\mathcal{S}: (A, x_0) \rightarrow (A, x_0)$ is the identity map on A .

$$\text{and } (r \circ \mathcal{S})_* = (\text{id}_A)_* \Rightarrow r_* \circ \mathcal{S}_* = I_{\pi_1(A, x_0)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Furthermore, $\mathcal{S}_* \circ r_* = (\mathcal{S} \circ r)_*$ and $(\mathcal{S} \circ r): (X, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$
and there is a homotopy H between I_X and $\mathcal{S} \circ r$ and
 $H(x_0, t) = x_0, \forall t \in I$.

Let $f: I \rightarrow X$ be a loop with $f(0) = f(1) = x_0$. Then
 $H \circ (f \times I): I \times I \rightarrow X$ is a path homotopy between
 $I_X \circ f$ and $(\mathcal{S} \circ r) \circ f$ as $H \circ (f \times I)(0, t) = H(x_0, t) = x_0$,
 $\forall t \in I$. and $H \circ (f \times I)(1, t) = H(x_0, t) = x_0, \forall t \in I$.

$$\text{So, } [I_X \circ f] = [(\mathcal{S} \circ r) \circ f]$$

$$\Rightarrow I_* (f) = (\mathcal{S} \circ r)_* (f)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\pi_1(X, x_0)} = (\mathcal{S} \circ r)_* = \mathcal{S}_* \circ r_*$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}_* \circ r_* = I_{\pi_1(X, x_0)}$$

$$r_* \circ \mathcal{S}_* = I_{\pi_1(A, x_0)}$$

i.e. \mathcal{S}_* is invertible and \mathcal{S}_* is bijective.

Now, we show that \mathcal{S}_* is a homeomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_*([f \cdot g]) &= [\mathcal{S} \circ (f \cdot g)] \\ &= (\mathcal{S} \circ f) \cdot (\mathcal{S} \circ g) \\ &= \mathcal{S}_*[f] \cdot \mathcal{S}_*[g]. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \mathcal{S}_*: \pi_1(A, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$ isomorphism.

Ex $g: S^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0,0,0)\}$. Here g^2 is a retraction of $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0,0,0)\}$. $g_*: \pi_1(S^2, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0,0,0)\}, x_0)$

~~S^2 is simply connected, as~~

S^2 is simply connected as $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0,0,0)\}$ are simply connected.

Real Projection Plane RP^2

RP^2 = set of all one-dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3
 = set of all lines passing through the origin

$RP^2 = S^2 / \sim$, where $x \sim -x$, $x \in S^2$

= $\{[x]: x \in S^2\}$

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Define $p: S^2 \rightarrow RP^2$, by $p(x) = [x]$.

p is a two sheeted ^{covering} map from S^2 to RP^2 . Since S^2 is simply connected, then $\pi_1(S^2)$ contains just one element.

Therefore, the fundamental group $\pi_1(RP^2)$ contains two elements.

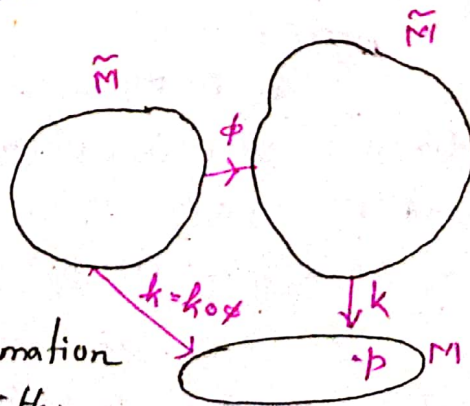
Then $\pi_1(RP^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

Deck Transformation

Let $k: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ be a covering map and a diffeomorphism $\phi: \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$ be such that $k \circ \phi = k$. Then ϕ is said to be a deck transformation of the covering map k .

* The ϕ merely rearranges the points in each fiber $k^{-1}(p)$, where $p \in M$.

The set \mathcal{D} of all deck transformation of a covering map forms a group with composition function as the group operation.



Ex

Let us consider the covering map $\exp: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ given by $\exp(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$.

$$\text{Now, } \exp(t + 2\pi n) = (\cos t, \sin t) = \exp(t).$$

Thus any deck transformation must carry each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ to a point $(t + 2\pi n)$, and by continuity the integer n is independent of t . Hence the deck transformation group \mathcal{D} of this covering consists of all translations $\phi_n(t) \equiv t + 2\pi n$.

* The function $n \mapsto \phi_n$ is an isomorphism from the additive group of integers \mathbb{Z} to \mathcal{D} . So, \mathcal{D} is infinite cyclic

* A deck transformation ϕ of $k: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is basically a lift of k through k .

* A deck transformation of a connected covering is determined by its unique value at a single point. Explicitly, if ϕ & $\psi \in \mathcal{D}$ and $\phi(p) = \psi(p)$ for some $p \in \tilde{M}$, then $\phi = \psi$. In particular, since the identity map of \tilde{M} is a deck transformation on the existence of a single fixed point, $\phi(p) = p$, implies that ϕ is the identity map.

Ex $\psi(p) = \phi(p)$ for some $p \in \tilde{M}$.

$$\Rightarrow \psi(p) = \phi(p), \forall p \in \tilde{M}.$$

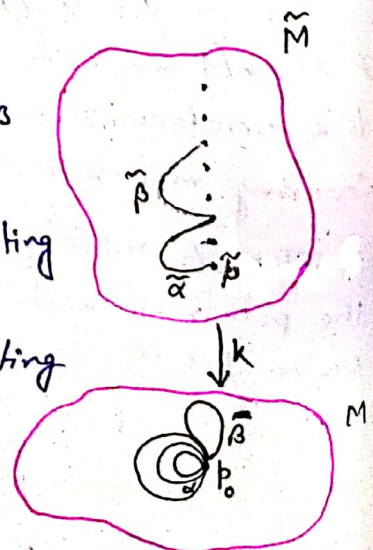
THEOREM

If $k: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is a simply connected covering. Then its deck transformation group \mathcal{D} is isomorphic to the fundamental group $\pi_1(M)$ of M .

proof:-

Let $\pi_1(M)$ be based at $p_0 \in M$. Let us fix a point $\tilde{p} \in k^{-1}(p_0)$. Let $a \in \pi_1(M)$ and let $\alpha: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ be the loop representing a , i.e. $\alpha(0) = \alpha(1) = p_0$ and $[\alpha] = a$.

Let $\tilde{\alpha}$ be the unique lift of α starting at \tilde{p} . We know that the point $\tilde{\alpha}(1)$ depends only on the choice of \tilde{p} and $a = [\alpha]$.



Let $\phi_a: \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$ be the unique deck transformation s.t. $\phi_a(\tilde{p}) = \tilde{\alpha}(1)$. The assignment $a \mapsto \phi_a$ gives a map $\pi_1(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$.

For $a = [\alpha]$ and $b = [\beta]$ chosen from $\pi_1(M)$, the lift of $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\tilde{\beta}$ and we see that $\phi_a \circ \tilde{\beta}$ is a path from $\phi_a(\tilde{p})$ to $\phi_a(\tilde{\beta}(1)) = \phi_a(\phi_b(\tilde{p}))$. Thus the path $\tilde{\gamma} = \tilde{\alpha} * (\phi_a \circ \tilde{\beta})$ is defined.

Now since $k \circ \phi_a = k$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} k \circ \tilde{\gamma} &= k \circ (\tilde{\alpha} * (\phi_a \circ \tilde{\beta})) \\ &= (k \circ \tilde{\alpha}) * (k \circ (\phi_a \circ \tilde{\beta})) \\ &= \alpha * ((k \circ \phi_a) \circ \tilde{\beta}) \\ &= \alpha * (k \circ \tilde{\beta}) = \alpha * \beta \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\alpha} * \tilde{\beta}$ represents the element $ab \in \pi_1(M)$, we have $\phi_{ab}(\tilde{p}) = \tilde{\gamma}(1) = \phi_a(\phi_b(\tilde{p}))$. Since \tilde{M} is simply connected we must have $\phi_{ab} = \phi_a \circ \phi_b$. Thus the map $a \mapsto \phi_a$ is a group homomorphism.

Let $\psi \in \mathcal{D}$. Let us consider the curve $\tilde{\gamma}$ from \tilde{p} to $\psi(\tilde{p})$. Then we have $k \circ \tilde{\gamma}$ to be a loop based at p_0 . Then $c = [k \circ \tilde{\gamma}] \in \pi_1(M)$ and $\psi = \phi_c$.

Thus the map $a \mapsto \phi_a$ is onto.

Finally, if ϕ_a is the identity map, then any loop $\alpha \in [\alpha] = a$ lifts to a loop $\tilde{\alpha}$ based at \tilde{p} . But \tilde{M} is simply connected, and so, $\tilde{\alpha}$ is homotopic to a constant map to \tilde{p} and its projection α is therefore a constant map to p . Thus $a = [\alpha] = 0$, the identity element in $\pi_1(M)$ and hence kernel of the homomorphism is $\{0\}$. Hence the homomorphism is one-one.

Hence $\pi_1(M)$ and \mathcal{D} are isomorphic.

Homotopy Equivalence

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow X$ be continuous maps. Suppose that the map $g \circ f: X \rightarrow X$ is homotopic to the identity map to X , and the map $f \circ g: Y \rightarrow Y$ is homotopic to the identity map of Y . Then the maps f and g are called homotopy equivalences, and each is said to be a homotopy inverse of the other.

* It is straight forward to show that if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy equivalence of X with Y and $h: Y \rightarrow Z$ is a homotopy equivalence of Y with Z , then $h \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is a homotopy equivalence of X with Z . It follows that the relation of homotopy equivalence is an equivalence relation. Two spaces that are homotopy equivalent are said to have the same homotopy type.

* If A is a deformation retract of X , then A has the same homotopy type as X . For let $j: A \rightarrow X$ be the inclusion mapping and let $r: X \rightarrow A$ be the retraction mapping. Then the composite $r \circ j$ equals the identity map of A , and the composite $j \circ r$ is by hypothesis homotopic to the identity map of X .

Lemma

Let $h, k: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous maps; let $h(x_0) = y_0$ and $k(x_0) = y_1$. If h and k are homotopic, there is a path α in Y from y_0 to y_1 such that $k_* = \hat{\alpha} \circ h_*$. Indeed, if $H: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ is the homotopy between h and k , then α is the path $\alpha(t) = H(x_0, t)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{h_*} & \pi_1(Y, y_0) \\ & \searrow k_* & \downarrow \hat{\alpha} \\ & & \pi_1(Y, y_1) \end{array}$$

proof . -

Let $f: I \rightarrow X$ be a loop in X based at x_0 . We must show that $k_*[f] = \hat{\alpha}(h_*([f]))$.

This equation states that $[kof] = [\alpha] * [hof]$ or, $[\alpha] * [kof] = [hof] * [\alpha]$.

This is the equation we shall verify.

To begin, consider the loops f_0 and f_1 in the space $X \times I$ given by the equations

$$f_0(s) = (f(s), 0) \text{ and } f_1(s) = (f(s), 1).$$

Consider also the path c in $X \times I$ given by the equation

$$c(t) = (x_0, t)$$

Then $H_0 f_0 = h_0 f$ and $H_0 f_1 = k_0 f$, while $H_0 c$ equals the path α .

Let $F: I \times I \rightarrow X \times I$ be the map $F(s, t) = (f(s), t)$. Consider the following paths in $I \times I$, which run along the four edges of $I \times I$:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0(s) &= (s, 0) & \text{and } \beta_1(s) &= (s, 1) \\ \gamma_0(t) &= (0, t) & \text{and } \gamma_1(t) &= (1, t). \end{aligned}$$

Then $F_0 \beta_0 = f_0$ and $F_0 \beta_1 = f_1$, while $F_0 \gamma_0 = F_0 \gamma_1 = c$.

The broken-line paths $\beta_0 * \gamma_1$ and $\gamma_0 * \beta_1$ are paths in $I \times I$ from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$; since $I \times I$ is convex, there is a path homotopy G_1 between them. Then $F_0 G_1$ is a path homotopy in $X \times I$ between $f_0 * c$ and $c * f_1$. And $H_0(F_0 G_1)$ is a path homotopy in Y between

$$(H_0 f_0) * (H_0 c) = (h_0 f) * \alpha \text{ and}$$

$$(H_0 c) * (H_0 f_1) = \alpha * (k_0 f).$$

Hence proved.

Corollary

1. Let $h, k: X \rightarrow Y$ be homotopic continuous maps; let $h(x_0) = y_0$ and $k(x_0) = y_1$. If h_* is injective, or surjective, or trivial, so is k_* .

2. Let $h: X \rightarrow Y$. If h is nullhomotopic, then h_* is the trivial homomorphism.

THEOREM

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous; let $f(x_0) = y_0$. If f is a homotopy equivalence, then

$$f_*: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof:-

Let $g: Y \rightarrow X$ be a homotopy inverse for f . Consider the maps

$$(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, y_0) \xrightarrow{g} (X, x_1) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, y_1)$$

where $x_1 = g(y_0)$ and $y_1 = f(x_1)$. We have the corresponding induced homomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{(f_{x_0})_*} & \pi_1(Y, y_0) \\ & \searrow g_* & \\ \pi_1(X, x_1) & \xrightarrow{(f_{x_1})_*} & \pi_1(Y, y_1) \end{array}$$

[Here we have to distinguish between the homomorphisms induced by f relative to two different base points.] Now

$$g \circ f: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_1)$$

is by hypothesis homotopic to the identity map, so there is a path α in X such that

$$(g \circ f)_* = \hat{\alpha} \circ (i_{x_0})_* = \hat{\alpha}$$

It follows that $(g \circ f)_* = g_* \circ (f_{x_0})_*$ is an isomorphism.

Similarly, because $f \circ g$ is homotopic to the identity map in Y , the homomorphism $(f \circ g)_* = (f_{x_1})_* \circ g_*$ is an isomorphism.

The first fact implies that g_* is surjective; and the 2nd implies that g_* is injective. Therefore g_* is an

isomorphism. Applying the 1st equation once again, we conclude that-

$$(f_{x_0})_* = (g_*)^{-1} \circ \hat{\alpha}$$

So, that $(f_{x_0})_*$ is also an isomorphism.

Note that although g is a homotopy inverse for f , the homomorphism g_* is not an inverse for the homomorphism $(f_{x_0})_*$.

* \mathbb{T}^2 isomorphic to $S^1 \times S^1$.

We know, that $\pi_1(S^1)$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{T}^2) \approx \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}.$$